THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA) (a) Data on sick industrial units assisted by banks in the country are collected by Reserve Bank of India as per the definition of sickness adopted by them. According to the latest data available from the Reserve Bank of India, the number of Small, Medium and Large scale sick industrial units under the SSI and non-SSI categories as at the end of December, 1988 in Orissa in indicated as under:

No. of Non-SSI sick units	No. of SSI sick units
13	8,858

(b) A number of causes, both external and internal, are responsible for industrial sickness in the country. Among the major causes as reported by bank are marketing problems, financial problems, labour problems, management deficiencies, power shortage, demand recession, natural calamities, production problems etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Based on the half-yearly returns received from the Banks, two Sick SSI units have been revived in the State of Orissa as at the end of December, 1988. However, 158 SSI units have been put under the nursing programme.

Recommendations of bipartite committee on industrial relation laws

714. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal to implement the recommendations of the bipartite commitee on Industrial Relation laws is under Government's consideration;

(b) if so, by when those recommendations are likely to be implemented;

(c) whether the State Governments have submitted their views on the matter; and

(d) the steps taken by the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MININSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Comments from several State Governments are yet to be received. It is also proposed to place the matter for consideration in the next session of the Indian Labour Conference.

Protection to tea gardens in Assam

715. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether tea gardens in Asam need proper protection;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to send CRPF or create separate security guards for tea gardens; and

(c) if so, the steps taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The question of security of personnel working in tea-industry was discussed by the Chief Secretary, Government of Asam with their representatives and they have agreed to strengthen their protective arrangements.

Grant of ex-gratia under CPF Scheme

716. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fourth Pay Commission had recommended grant of ex-gratia to those retired under CPF scheme;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have granted ex-gratia only to families of such retired persons who died;

(c) if so, the reasons for not extending the benefit to living CPF retirees;

(d) the number of CPF retirees who are still alive; and

(e) whether Government propose to reconsider the case of living CPF retirees in view of their dwindling number and their pitiable plight by granting them ex-gratia amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ex-gratia pension of Rs. 150/- per mensem has been granted to the families of those retirees who retired on CPF prior to 1-1-86 and died;

(c) The Pay Commission had recommended ex-gratia payment of Rs. 300/- p.m. only to those who retired with pay upto Rs. 500/- p.m. and an option to those who retired with a pay exceeding Rs. 500/- to come over to pension scheme. Since the CPF retirees had been given repeated options while in service and ex-gratia payment to only those getting a pay upto Rs. 500/- p.m. would be discriminatory and any decision to pay ex-gratia would have reprecussions elsewhere, the Government did not accept the recommendations of the Pay Commission to extend the benefit to living CPF retirees. However, ex-gratia payment to families of deceased CPF retirees was extended on sympathetic grounds.

(d) The living CPF and SRPF retirees were estimated in 1988 to be about 1.20 lakhs.

(e) Representations to reconsider the decision are under examination.

Telecasting of TV Documentary— "Democracy and Money Power"

717. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Media Workshop, New Delhi had produced a TV Documentary titled "DEMOCRACY AND MONEY POWER" with financial assistance from Government;

(b) whether it is also a fact that necessary editing etc. were made by the producer of the said Documentary as suggested by Government;

(c) if so, the reasons for holding up the film and for not allowing it to be telecast;

(d) whether Government are taking steps for its early telecast; and

(e) if so, the date of its telecast?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (e) The programme on the misuse of Money and Power during elections, commissioned by Doordarshan was held back by Doordarshan as its telecast at that time would have infringed the guidelines issued by the Election Commission. Its telecast would depend on the programme requirements of Doordarshan.

Low Power TV Transmitter at Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu

718. SHRI A. NALLASIVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had decided to establish a Low Power (100 Watts) TV Transmitter at Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu, under Doordarshan's Annual Plan for 1990-91; and

(b) if so, what are the steps Government have taken to implement the said decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE